

Bio-Technology Projects

6703. SHRISANTOSHKUMARGANGWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Bio-technology has sanctioned a number of Bio-technology Project in various Institute under the ICAR;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several projects sanctioned for Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) have been closed;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken against the persons responsible for closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Twelve ad-hoc Biotechnology Projects amounting to Rs. 327.1 lakhs were sanctioned by the Deptt. of Biotechnology for implementation at the ICAR Institute.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Does not arise.

Stamp Duty Exemption

6704. SHRICHINMAYANANDSWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have been given powers under the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 1972 to exempt from stamp duty in respect of any instrument executed by or on behalf of a Cooperative Society or a members;

(b) if so, the date of the notification; and

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to issue the notification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). No notification have been issued under the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 1972.

However, a notification on the subject under the Indian Stamp Act, 1899, was issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) in November, 1960 and the same notification was renotified under the Cooperative Law in December, 1960, exempting cooperatives societies in Delhi from the payment of Stamp Duty.

Allocation to ICAR

6705. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation proposed to be made to ICAR during Eighty Five Year Plan;

(b) the amount of allocation made to ICAR in Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) the percentage increase and the various new programmes proposed to be taken up by Indian Council of Agricultural Research during Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Sir, the size and contents of the Eighth Five Year Plan have not been decided.

(b) Rs. 452 Crores.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

LPG Bottling Plant at Haldia

6706. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision regarding expansion of LPG bottling plant of the Indian Oil Corporation at Haldia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). There are no plant at present to expand the capacity.

Damage to School Buildings by Fires and Bomb Blasts in Kashmir

6707. SHRI SHARAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 50 per cent of the Schools buildings in the Kashmir valley have been wrecked by 'mysterious' fires and bomb blasts during the past two years as reported in the Tribune dated January 20, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective measures taken/being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have informed that of 5167 government schools 245 schools in the Kashmir valley had been damaged/gutted in the terrorist action. The academic activities were however, restored in rented buildings

and tented accommodation. Simultaneously, the process of re-construction of school buildings has been started within the available resources with priority on the primary schools.

Movement/Immovable Wakf Properties

6708. SHRI M. V. V. S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of moveable and immovable Wakf properties, State-wise; and

(b) the amount of grants provided by the Union Government to the Wakfs during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Smuggling of Jain Idols

6709. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether antique Jain idols are being smuggled out of the country;

(b) if so, whether some idols have been recovered from the smugglers during the last three months;

(c) if so, the details of the idols recovered and the places from where such recoveries have been made; and

(d) the corrective measures taken/being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M.